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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to encourage your continued support for the settlement recently reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It would seem in the best interest of Microsoft users, the Department of Justice, and Microsoft to discontinue any further legal action against the company.

Microsoft is an innovative leader in the computer software industry and as such the company has brought many benefits to computer users. I believe Microsoft, if given the opportunity, will continue to accrue benefits for every computer user and others in the computer and software industries. I do not believe further litigation against this company will be of any benefit to the American taxpayers. Please let the free enterprise system work without undue government intervention.

As a taxpayer and user of Microsoft products, I think everyone would be better served if the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is supported. Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,



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